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GRAND COUNCIL
OF
Royal and Select Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN.
1861.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL

OF
Royal and Select Masters

OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN,

HELD IN DETROIT, TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1861.

DETROIT:
H. BARNES & CO., PRINTERS,
52 and 54 Shelby Street.
1861.

Form of a Petition for a New Council.

To the M. P. Grand Council of the State of Michigan :

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent— That they are desirous of forming a new Council in the town of —, County of —, and State of —, to be named — Council, No. —.

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend Comp. A. B. to be the first T. I. G. M.; Comp. C. D. to be the first D. I. G. M. and Comp. E. F. to be the first Principal Conductor of the Works of said Council. If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Council.

Dated at ————— A. Dep. 28.

(N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters.)

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters.

THE Grand Council of the State of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the city of Detroit, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1861, at 12 P. M., present:

COMPANION FRANK DARROW,	.	.	<i>T. I. G. P.</i>
" JOHN CLARK,	.	.	<i>I. D. G. P.</i>
" D. B. TRACY,	.	.	<i>G. T. I.</i>
" B. F. DOUGHTY,	.	.	<i>G. P. C.</i>
" E. A. ELLIOTT,	.	.	as <i>G. C. G.</i>
" EZRA ROOD,	.	.	<i>G. Treasurer.</i>
" NATHL. P. JACOBS,	.	.	<i>G. Recorder.</i>
" L. H. CORSON,	.	.	<i>G. Chaplain.</i>
" WM. P. INNIS,	.	.	<i>Steward.</i>
" CHAS. D. HOWARD,	.	.	<i>Sentinel.</i>

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form. The G. P. appointed the following committees:

On Credentials, Companions INNIS, TRACEY, and JOHNSON.

" Charters, &c., " INNIS, CUMMINGS, and JOHNSON.

" Finance, " CORSON, FLOWERS, and CARPENTER.

The committee on Credentials, reported the following as members of this Grand Council. The Grand officers present:

Companion N. B. CARPENTER, *P. T. I. G. .P*

Monroe Council, No. 1.

S. B. MORSE, . . . *T. I. G. M.*

G. B. NOBLE, . . . *Proxy for I. D. G. M.*

E. A. ELLIOTT, . . . *P. C. W.*

*Grand Council of***St. Clair Council, No. 2.**

S. B. BROWN, . . . : *Dep. I. G. M.*
 A. J. CUMMINGS, . . . *Proxy for T. I. G. M.*

Pontiac Council, No. 3.

A. B. CUDWORTH, *D. I. G. M. and Proxy for Council.*

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

JAMES DARRAH, *T. I. G. M.*
 B. DARSARD, *D. I. G. M.*
 B. J. TAYEB, *P. C. W.*

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

JESSIE BUTTON, *T. I. G. M.*
 JOE. CLARK, *D. I. G. M.*
 HARVEY RANSOM, *P. C. W.*

Mt. Moriah, No. 6.

J. H. BEECH, *Proxy for T. I. G. M.*
 A. ALLEN, *D. I. G. M.*
 D. BOVBE, *P. C. W.*

Three Rivers, No. 7.

J. E. JOHNSON, *Proxy for T. I. G. M.*
 JOHN COWLING, " *P. C. W.*
 D. M. BATEMAN, " *D. I. G. M.*

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, reported that the Dispensations granted to A. B. AYERS, and others, to form a Council at Romeo; T. H. TRACEY, Battle Creek; E. A. BENEDICT, Grand Rapids, had been placed in their hands, together with the Record of work and proceedings of said Councils; that they had examined, and found the same correct, and would recommend that charters be granted to said Councils, to rank as Nos. 8, 9, and 10, that their officers be allowed seats in

this Council, and that on the first regular meeting after the closing of this Grand Body, the several Councils mentioned be authorized to elect officers for the ensuing year. They return as officers and representatives of said Councils, from

Romeo Council, No. 8.

A. B. AYERS,	.	.	.	.	T. I. G. M.
ABIJAH PALMER,	.	.	.	.	D. I. G. M.
A. WILLIAMS,	.	.	.	.	P. C. W.

Battle Creek Council, No. 9.

T. H. TRACEY,	.	.	.	.	: T. I. G. M.
J. P. AVERILL,	.	.	.	.	D. I. G. M.
E. SPRAGUE,	.	.	.	.	P. C. W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

EDWARD D. BENEDICT,	.	.	.	.	T. I. G. M.
WM. P. INNIS,	.	.	.	.	D. I. G. M.
L. W. ROGERS,	.	.	.	.	<i>Proxy for</i> P. C. W.

On motion the G. P. appointed Companion CLARK, as a committee on the "work" of this and other Grand Councils, and the differences existing therein, and to report thereon to-morrow evening.

The Grand Council then proceeded to consider the resolution proposed by Companion WILLIAMS, at the session of this Body held in January last as follows: that Sec. 4, Art. 1 of the Constitution be so amended as to read:

"The annual meeting of the Grand Council shall be held at the city of Detroit, on the Wednesday following, the first Tuesday of June of each year," which after discussion by ayes 23, nays 7, being a constitutional majority was adopted. The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow at 6.30 P. M.

Grand Council of

WEDNESDAY, 6.30 P. M. The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor. The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was referred to the committee on Finances.

DETROIT, January 8th, 1861.

The Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following report of money received, disbursed and now in his hands, subject to the order of the Grand Council. No payments have been made to the Grand Treasurer. The funds received being, until within a short time, as will be seen by the statement, absorbed by the previous liabilities of this Grand Body. Your Recorder would also state that in regard to a seal and press he has made arrangements for procuring them at an expense of thirty dollars, subject however to the approval of this Grand Body, all of which is respectfully submitted.

NATHL. P. JACOBS,

Grand Recorder.



The Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Michigan, in account with
N. P. JACOBS, *Grand Recorder:*

DR.

1860, July 24th, Barnes, French & Way, printing	
proceedings 1859 and 1860,	25.00
1861, January, 8th, Record for proceedings Grand	
Council, and covering same,	4.50
1861, January 8th, salary of Grand Recorder, for 1858,	
1859 and 1860,	30.00
1861, January 8th, postage, stamps, and stationery,	
for 1858, 1859 and 1860,	10.69
Balance on hand,	42 81
	— 113.00

CONTRA.

1861, January 8th, Net amount brought forward from		
last report,	83.00	83.00
1860, March 16th, For dispensation to Battle Creek	15.00	
Less Recorder's fee,	5.00	10.00
1860, June 5th, For dispensation to Rome,	15.00	
Less Recorder's fee,	5.00	10.00
1861, January 8th, For dispensation to Grand Rapids	15.00	
Less Recorder's fee,	5.00	10.00
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In relation to the above		118.00

The committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the above report have examined the same and find it correct.

L. H. CORSON, *Chairman.*

On motion of Comp. INNIS, the Grand Recorder was authorized to procure a seal and press, the expense not to exceed thirty dollars.

On motion of Comp. ROOD, the Grand Puissant was authorized to draw a warrant in favor of Monroe Council, for the payment of the bill of Fisher & Palmer, for printing proceedings of 1858, and for twenty charters on parchment.

The Grand Recorder then submitted the following report on Foreign Correspondence, which on motion of Comp. NOBLE, was adopted and ordered printed with the proceedings:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

The Grand Recorder respectfully reports, that since the last session of this Grand Body, he has, under the instructions of the Grand Puissant, issued Dispensations establishing Councils at Battle Creek, Romeo, and Grand Rapids. From information communicated to him, he understands that these Councils have

organized under favorable auspices and are now in successful operation. Beside these, no changes of moment have occurred in this jurisdiction. The several Councils are steadily progressing in the work, and new laborers are constantly being gathered into the fold. Our protecting Grand Master has graciously preserved us with fatherly care, since our last meeting under the mystic arches and our secret number is still complete.

A perusal of the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils reveals nothing of general interest or importance—like ourselves they appear to be harmonious, and therefore prosperous, at home, and rapidly increasing the number of their subordinate Councils and members. I have to note the recent organization of Grand Councils in Rhode Island and New Jersey, and with each we are now in official communication. Most cordially should we greet their accession to the roll.

For the past year, I have to acknowledge receipt of the proceedings of Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Those of Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, and South Carolina, are either as yet unpublished or have not been forwarded.

In accordance with established usage herewith is submitted a digest of the present standing and condition of the several Grand Councils compiled from the above mentioned proceedings:

Alabama.—This Grand Body held its twenty-second annual session in Montgomery, December 8th, 1859, H. S. SHELTON, G. P. presiding over the eighteen Councils represented. A short but admirable address, in which allusion was made to the death of P. G. P., WM. A. FARRELL, in the most touching manner, was delivered by the Grand Puissant. Twenty-three Subordinate Councils, with 681 members are under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body. Comp. R. C. TORREY, was elected G. P., and Comp. DANIEL GAYLE, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Connecticut.—The Grand Council of Connecticut assembled in New Haven, on the 9th day of May A. D. 1860. The Repre-

sentatives of eighteen chartered Councils and of three under dispensation were present. Grand Recorder STORER, as usual, presented the report of the committee on Foreign correspondence. The returns of the several Councils show 912 members 105 promotions, 12 deaths. Dues paid Grand Council \$105,39, Comp. H. B. ENSIGN, was elected G. P., and Comp. E. G. STORER, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Georgia.—The annual convention of this Grand Council was held in Augusta, April 25th, 1860, two've subordinate Councils represented, T. I. PHILLIP T. SCHLEY, G. M., presided, and in his address reviews the proceedings of ten Grand Councils. Seventeen Councils returning 490 members, 60 promoted the past year are subordinate to this Grand Council.

Illinois.—This Grand Council assembled at Springfield, September 27th, A. D. 1860, present the Grand Officers and Representatives from four subordinate Councils. Comp. REYNOLDS, the Grand Recorder, reviews briefly the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, and at length, those of New York, and with some little asperity. Comp. GEO. W. DEERING, of Chicago, was elected Grand Puissant, and H. G. REYNOLDS, Recorder. Five Councils returning, 174 members, 47 promotions, the past year, are subordinate to this Grand Body.

Iowa.—The proceedings received of this State, embraces the years 1859 and 1860. The Grand Council for 1860 assembled at Independence, August 15th, 1860. Present the Grand Officers and Representatives from five subordinate Councils, Comp. S. S. PARVIN, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. W. B. LANGRIDGE, Grand Recorder. Five Councils with 156 members are subordinate to this Grand Council.

Indiana.—The annual convocation of this Grand Council was held at Indianapolis, May 22d, 1860. Thirteen Councils represented. The Grand Master delivered a very lengthy and able address reviewing the proceedings of eleven Grand Councils.

This Body returns twelve subordinate Councils, with 336 members, Comp. WM. HACKER, was re-elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. FRANCIS KING, Grand Recorder.

Kentucky.—This Grand Council assembled at Louisville, October 17th. 1860. Fourteen Councils represented. Comp. TRYON reviews at length and with great ability, the proceedings of the different Grand Council, his reproof, however, of the action of our own Grand Council in reference to the granting of a charter to a Council at Three Rivers, when the Grand Puissant had refused a dispensation, was uncalled for. The ground of objection raised by the Grand Puissant to the dispensation no longer existed when the Grand Council convened, and the Companions being amply qualified received a charter. The list of subordinates embraces 23 chartered Councils, with three under dispensation. Comp. PHILLIP SWIGERT, was re-elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. A. G. HODGES, Grand Recorder.

Maine.—This Grand Council assembled at Portland, May 2d, 1860, Present the Grand Puissant and Representatives from all the Councils in the State. The short, but pertinent address of the G. P. in suitable language announces the death of that most exemplary man and Mason, ROBT. P. DUNLAP, and of the Rev. CYRUS CUMMINGS, another of the first Grand Officers of that Body. The committee on returns report seven Council with 153 members as subordinate to the Grand Council.

Mississippi.—The fifth annual Convocation of this Grand Council was held in Vicksburgh, January 13th, 1860. Present, the Grand Officers and Representatives of eleven subordinate Councils, Comp. WM. COCHRAN, was elected M. P. G. M., and Comp. DANIEL, Grand Recorder. Twenty-eight subordinate Councils, with 722 members acknowledge the jurisdiction of this Grand Body.

New Jersey.—The proceedings of this State embrace those of the Convention organizing the Grand Council, and of the Council after such organization. The convention met in New Bruns-

wick, on the 26th November, 1860. NATHAN O. BENJAMIN, G. M. of the Grand Council of New York, presiding. Delegates from three chartered Councils being present, the customary resolutions forming a Grand Council were adopted, and the Convention dissolved. The Grand Council was then opened and T. I. Comp. WILLIAM MEAD, chosen Grand Master, and Comp. JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Recorder. During the session, a charter was granted to JAMES N. PIPER, and others under the name of *Delta Council No. 4*, to be held at such place or places in the cities of Hoboken, Jersey City, and Hudson City, as might be deemed expedient.

New York.—The Grand Council of the Empire State having harmonized the dissensions heretofore existing between them, met as a United Grand Council on the 6th day of June, 1860, M. P., N. O. BENJAMIN, Grand Master, presiding with eleven subordinate Councils represented. We congratulate the Brethren of our native State on their union, and fervently hope that nothing may again occur to divide those whom the Great Architect of the universe himself has joined together. A glorious future is now in store for them. The time cannot be far distant when the Councils subordinate to the M. P. Grand Council will equal the number of Chapters subordinate to the Grand Chapter of the State, for not till the R. A. Mason has passed under the arches of the secret vault is he capable of appreciating in full perfection the sublime beauties of the Royal Arch Degree. We cordially reciprocate the good wishes extended to our own Grand Council by the committee on Foreign correspondence.

Ohio.—The Grand Council of Ohio, met at Columbus, October 11th, A. D. 1860. Comp. PARKS, the T. I. G. P. presiding over the Representatives of 24 subordinate Councils then present. The Grand Puissant delivered a most admirable address. "For the purpose of directing the attention of this Grand Council to a subject of very great importance to the fraternity.

I copy a resolution presented by Comp. HORACE M. STOKES, in reference to the non-affiliation of R. and S. Masters and which was adopted by the Grand Council of Ohio:

Resolved, That any Select Master withdrawing from a Council, shall, within twelve months thereafter, present his petition to that or some other Council, and join the same, unless excluded by the ballot; that each Select Master, in a state of non-affiliation, shall, within twelve months from the passage of this resolution, present his petition to the proper Council for membership, and become a member thereof, unless excluded by the ballot. And a failure so to do in either case, shall be held to place such person thereafter in a state of voluntary suspension from the rights and privileges of Cryptic Masonry, which disability can only be removed by re-affiliation; Provided, however, that Subordinate Councils shall have power by special resolution in each case to dimit a member who, from age, long services, or inability to pay dues, shall be deemed a proper subject thereof, and extend to him the privilege of visit, and of recognition as a regular Select Mason. Such dimit, when issued, to state the special reason for granting the same.

It will eventually become the necessary duty of every Grand Masonic Body to take similar action. Comp. CHAS. C. KIEFER was elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. JNO. D. CALDWELL, Grand Recorder.

Texas.—This Grand Council assembled at Huntsville, June 2d, 1860. Five Subordinate Councils represented: "In the report of the committee on Foreign correspondence, we notice a reply to the address of the Grand Puissant of Ohio, in relation to the power assumed by the Grand Master of Texas, in making R. and S. Masters at sight. The reply is full, cogent and conclusive and in our friend NEILLS best style. How it may be in other jurisdictions, we know not, but in this, the power has invariably been exercised by Subordinate Councils of making

R. and S. Masons at sight. The practice is to receive, ballot and if favorable confer the degrees the same night. The exception is to lay over till the next regular. This we take, it is all that is meant by making Masons at sight, and unless restricted by the organic law, there can be no objection in subordinate Councils suspending their By-Laws for that purpose. Twenty-one Councils, returning five hundred and ninety-nine members, are subordinate to this Grand Council. M. P., ED. CLARK, was elected Grand Master, and ANDREW NEILL, Recorder.

Rhode Island.—Annexed is copy of a communication recently received from the Grand Recorder, JOHN S. DRISCOLL, notifying us of the formation of a Grand Council in Rhode Island, fully do we accede to their request, and at once extend to them the right hand of Fellowship, recognizing her as a new star in the constellation of Grand Councils.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF
RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER, }
PROVIDENCE, NOV. 1, A. D. 1860. }

Companions:

At the first convocation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island, held October 30th, the following named Companions were duly elected and installed as Officers for the ensuing year:

III. Companion JAMES SALISBURY, M. P. Grand Master.

" CHARLES H. TITUS, D. P. " "

" SAMUEL LEWIS, T. I. " "

" HENRY F. SMITH, G. P. C. W.

Companion BELA B. CLAPP, Grand Treasurer.

" JOHN F. DRISCOL, Grand Recorder.

" EDWIN HOWLAND, G. C. G.

" SIDNEY DEAN, G. C.

" CHRISTIAN M. NESTELL, G. S.

" E. B. WHITE, G. G.

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We therefore request of your Grand Council, a recognition, as a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Rhode Island.

JOHN F. DRISCOL,

Grand Recorder.

Vermont.—The Grand Council of Vermont convened in Poultney, August 10th, 1860—present, the M. P., STEPHEN H. PIERCE, Grand Master, and the Representatives of ten Subordinate Councils, returning 456 members. I quote from the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, on introducing their report which most happily states the condition of the Fraternity, under the jurisdiction of the several Grand Councils, and is equally true of their own:

“Your committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report, that they have received the proceedings of eleven Grand Councils, and are pleased to notice the high degree of prosperity prevalent in all. Harmony and peace so prevail, that your committee can find in the proceedings received, but little other than the usual statistical information.”

Comp. HENRY RUGGLES, was elected Grand Master and Comp. JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Wisconsin.—The Grand Council assembled in Madison, October 27th, 1859. Three Subordinate Councils represented. A lengthy report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted, emanating from that amiable brother and christian, gentleman the late JOHN W. HUNT, written whilst laboring under the painful attacks of that disease to which shortly after the close of the Grand Council he fell a victim. He has gone to his long home in the Supreme Grand Council of the blest. In the report are reviewed the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, with the delicacy and consideration characteristic of the man. Comp. A. SIDNEY WOOD, was elected Grand Master, who has since appointed Comp. S. G. BENEDICT, Grand Recorder.

Pennsylvania.—The Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of

this State, held its 14th annual assembly in the city of Reading, June 22d, A. D. 1860. Present, the Grand Officers and the Representatives of nine Subordinate Councils, M. P. G. M. ALFRED CREIGH, delivered an address lengthy and comprehensive, embracing a record of correspondence, dispensations granted, decisions rendered, visitations made and labor generally performed for the good of the craft, showing his office at least to be no sinecure. More of such energetic and faithful laborers in the cause are needed. The Keystone State must be well advanced in Masonic perfection with such a Grand Master. The following extract from his address will be interesting and at the same time instructive to B. and S. Masons in our own State.

"To preserve, therefore, our institution, and transmit our principles to those who shall succeed us, when the hour of low twelve shall summons us from time to eternity, is a duty we owe to Cryptic Masonry. Thus believing, we should often revert to the origin of our institution, and from thence deduce lessons of wisdom and virtue. It is only by digging to the foundations, and examining each stone minutely, that we can rightly estimate the superstructure which has been erected thereon. It is so with Masonry. The first Grand Council which assembled at Jerusalem, (masonic tradition informs us) was composed of Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. These three Grand Masters, unobserved by "*prying eyes*," devised the whole and entire plan by which the Temple should be erected—how the workmen should be divided into various classes or degrees, each class consisting of an independent body in itself, whereby its members might be recognized by the *peculiar sign* of that degree. They happily, too, combined within the power of the council, the *Alpha* and *Omega* of Freemasonry, thereby denominating Cryptic Masonry, by way of pre-eminence the *summit* and *perfection* of Ancient Craft Masonry. The powers, the duties, the responsibilities of a council, embrace the whole range of Ancient Craft Masonry, from the conception of the idea in the heart, until the candi-

date is in the full possession of our mysteries, or in our own peculiar language, until he *has passed the Circle of Perfection*. It is in the Secret Vault, securely guarded, that the Illustrious Companions are required not only to search out the truth, but to determine, resolve, plan and design measures and objects for the private as well as the general good of the craft. We are constrained to offer a sentiment upon this subject, for which we shall make no apology, with the hope that our remark may be effective, and accomplish much good. It is this: If Illustrious Companions who constitute this class and who have passed the circle of perfection—who have witnessed the wisdom, strength and beauty of our principles, will be but true to their obligations and faithful to their requirements—what immense good could be accomplished. No bickerings, no strife, no rivalry, no out-break, no feuds, and no conflicts could ever exist in the Masonic institution; but peace, amity, concord and tranquility would prevail, and the only contention in the whole Masonic family on earth would be “who can best work and who can best agree.” Brotherly love and charity would be happily blended together, and the life and character of a perfect gentleman, of a devoted and faithful brother and companion would be merged in the life and character of a consistent Mason. With you, and not you only, but with all Illustrious Companions who have entered the Secret Vault, rests the responsibility, if confusion ever prevail in a Lodge, Chapter or Council. Hence, you perceive, that the charge to a Select Master is literally true when it says to each of you “that your obligations are increased in proportion to your privileges, and also let it be your constant care to prove yourself worthy of the confidence reposed in you and of the high honor conferred on you, in admitting you among Select Masters.”

I will not be charged with traveling beyond my duty, if I briefly state what originally constituted Ancient Craft Masonry. The degrees of E. A., F. C., and W. M., were originally Ancient Craft Masonry; while the old constitutions gave the Master the right and authority to congregate his members into a

chapter for the purpose of conferring the *Royal Arch*, which originally constituted a part of the *third* degree.

In elucidating the *Royal Arch*, it becomes necessary that other degrees should be incorporated into the Chapter, for the purpose of explaining and expounding the various parts and minutiae of the Temple. Hence, the Mark and Most Excellent Master's degrees were added and conferred before the *Royal Arch*.

In process of time, it became necessary to establish a Council, whose province it should be to "account for the concealment and preservation of those Essentials of the Craft, which were brought to light at the erection of the Second Temple, and which lay concealed from the mystic eye four hundred and seventy years." Hence Cryptic Masonry was inaugurated—the term being derived from a Greek word — meaning a *vault or cave*.

It is both right and proper that I should state that in different countries, different systems prevail to inculcate, enforce and teach Ancient Craft Masonry; but in America it is confined to the degrees of the Lodge, Chapter and Council.

Cryptic Masonry, therefore, is contained within the degrees of *Royal and Select Masters*, and are numbered eight and nine in the York Rite, although in a chronological point of view, they are the *first* and *last* degrees—hence called the *ALPHA* and *OMEGA* of Ancient Craft Masonry. They illustrate the mysteries of Masonry, and without a full, perfect and complete knowledge of these degrees, our Masonic edifice is incomplete and unfinished; or, in the language of another, "the degrees of *Royal and Select Masters* are polished and perfect ashlers, marked and numbered for the building."

M. P., ALFRED CREIG, and R. P., T. W. WRIGHT, were severally re-elected, G. M. and G. R.

Thus endeth the report of your Recorder on Foreign Correspondence. In reviewing the proceedings of the different Masonic Bodies, he has at times been most disagreeably impressed with the keensightedness of some of our Brethren in discover-

ing errors which may possibly have been committed in other jurisdiction, and the alacrity with which the same are dragged forward and exposed to the gaze of the Masonic world. In few of our Grand Bodies, in none which your Recorder is acquainted with, are there wanting old and experienced members, well skilled in the traditions and landmarks of the craft and capable of guiding and instructing the young and inexperienced Mason—innovations are not countenanced by such men and for all that they do, good and sufficient reasons can be rendered.

The circumstances attendant upon the transactions of a Masonic Body are, and to a great extent must remain unknown to all outside thereof. The published proceedings are but an epitome, rather the result of what does occur, and, in these even errors both clerical and typographical may happen giving to them an entire different phase from they shall really possess. No one then, unless perfectly cognizant of the subject complained of, has any right of interference or censure. Each Grand Body may safely be considered competent to masonically manage and control its subordinates and their members.

The amendment proposed at the last session of this Grand Body changing the time of the annual convocation to the 2d Tuesday of June, will now be brought up for disposal. That proposition must commend itself to your favorable consideration. The impossibility of giving the necessary attention to the wants and working of Subordinate Councils in the limited time left us between the meetings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge will be apparent to you all—some remedy for this must be devised and I know of none better adapted to our wants than the one proposed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

COMPANION FRANK DARROW, Pontiac,	. T. I. G. P.
" JOHN CLARK, St. Clair,	. I. D. G. P.
" D. B. TRACY, Mt. Clemens,	. G. T. I.

COMPANION	B. F. DOUGHTY,	Three Rivers,	<i>G. P. C. of Work.</i>
"	S. B. MORSE,	Detroit,	<i>G. C. of Guard.</i>
"	EZRA ROOD,	"	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	NATHL. P. JACOBS,	"	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
"	L. H. CORSON,	Jonesville,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	A. B. CUDWORTH,	Pontiac,	<i>G. Steward.</i>
"	CHARLES D. HOWARD,	Detroit,	<i>G. Sentinel.</i>

Companion CUDWORTH was presented and installed as G. Steward. Comp. CLARK, of St. Clair, then in pursuance of his appointment reported verbally upon and proceeded to exemplify the work.

On motion of Comp. Rood, the three first Grand Officers, together with the Recorder, were appointed a committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the work and lectures, with directions to report at the meeting of the Grand Council in June.

The Grand Recorder was instructed to procure the printing of three hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Council.

The Grand Council was then closed in due and ample form.

NATHL. P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

Account of money received by the Grand Recorder at this session of the Grand Council.

Council at Three Rivers,	\$84.00
" " Jonesville,	5.00
" " Battle Creek,	8.00
" " Romeo,	8.00
Mt. Moriah Council,	9.00
River Raisin Council,	5.00
Tyre Council,	11.00

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

ARTICLE I.

Members.

Sec. 1. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, shall consist of a

Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant,
Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant,
Grand Thrice Illustrious,
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
Grand Captain of the Guard,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Recorder,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Steward, and
Grand Sentinel.

AND ALL

Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissants,
Past Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissants,
Past Grand Thrice Illustrious, and
Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work.

TOGETHER WITH THE

Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters,
Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, and
Principal Conductors of the Work,

For the time being, of the several Subordinate Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

OR

Their Proxies, duly empowered.

AND

All Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, who are members of Subordinate Councils, and who have preided one year over a Council in this State.

Of Representation Necessary,

Sec. 2. There shall not be a Grand Council opened for busi-

ness, unless there shall be present a representation from a least two subordinate working Councils,

Power of Grand Council.

SEC. 3. The Grand Council shall have sole government and superintendence of the several Subordinate Councils in this State, shall assign their limits, and establish the fees for admission. In all cases of controversy, an appeal shall lie from an aggrieved Council, or any member of a Council, to this Grand Council. It shall also have power to grant Charters constituting new Councils of Royal and Select Masters, within the State of Michigan.

Meetings.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meetings of the Grand Council shall be held at the city of Detroit, on the Wednesday following the first Tuesday of June, in each and every year at 12 o'clock m.; but a Special Meeting of the Grand Council may be called whenever the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or any three of them, shall deem it necessary.

Duties of Principal Officers.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, and Principal Conductor of the Work, severally, to inform and perfect themselves in the Sublime Art and Work of Royal and Select Masters; to make themselves acquainted with the Lectures and Ancient Charges; and to consult with each other, for the purpose of adopting suitable measures for diffusing the knowledge of the Work and Lectures, and to secure uniformity in the several Subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

Of Dispensations and Charters.

SEC. 6. The Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant and the Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant shall have authority, during the

recess of the Grand Council, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective signatures and private seals, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a specific term of time, not extending beyond the next meeting of the Grand Council: *Provided*, That the same fees as are required for a Charter shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Recorder. And in all cases where such Dispensation is granted, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next meeting of the Grand Council; and the Grand Council may continue or recall such Dispensation, or may, upon application for the same, grant the petitioners a Charter; and in case a Charter be so granted, the fees first deposited with the Grand Recorder shall be credited in payment for the same, but if the Dispensation is not continued, or Charter granted, the money to be returned, except necessary expenses.

SEC. 7. No dispensation or Charter shall be issued for instituting a Council of Royal Masters independent of Select Masters.

SEC. 8. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine Royal and Select Masters; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Council nearest to the place where the new Council is to be formed, vouching for the moral character and Masonic ability of the petitioners, and recommending the Grand Council to grant the prayer of the same.

Charter Fee.

SEC. 9. No Charter shall be granted for establishing a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than *Fifteen Dollars*.

Limit of Number of Councils.

SEC. 10. There shall not be a greater number of Councils established in this State than there are Royal Arch Chapters, nor more than one Council within the jurisdiction of each Chapter.

Amendments, &c.

SEC. 11. The Grand Council shall be competent, on concurrence of two-thirds of its members present, to revise, amend, or alter this Constitution, provided a motion to that effect is duly made and seconded at one Annual Meeting of said Grand Council, and laid over until the next for consideration.

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

ARTICLE II.

Of Officers and Members.

SEC. 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of a

Thrice Illustrious Grand Master,
Deputy Thrice Illustrious Grand Master,
Principal Conductor of the Work,
Captain of the Guard,
Treasurer,
Sentinel,

AND

As many Members, as may be found convenient for
working to advantage.

And ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

As to Standing of Councils.

SEC. 2. No Council of Royal and Select Masters in this State shall be considered legal unless they have a Charter from the Grand Council, or a Dispensation from one of the Grand Officers; and Masonic communication, either public or private,

is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council under this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Council or assemblage that may be so illegally established without such Charter or Dispensation, or any person admitted in such illegal Council: but nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to affect any Council, or the members of any Council, which may be established by proper authority in other States.

Applications for the Degree.

SEC. 3. All applications for the degree of Royal and Select Master, or membership in any Subordinate Council under this jurisdiction, shall be by petition in writing to the nearest Council, from a member of a Royal Arch Chapter regularly constituted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and subordinate to the same, and also of the State Grand Chapter from which he hails, and shall lie over one lunar month after the same shall have been received and referred to a committee for inquiry, unless by a unanimous vote of the Companions present, in which case the application may be acted upon instantler, and an unanimous ballot shall be necessary in all cases.

Election of Officers.

SEC. 4. The officers of the several Subordinate Councils shall be chosen annually by ballot. A majority of the whole number present shall be necessary to elect; and the persons so chosen shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed; which election shall take place on the regular meeting next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

Duties of Thrice Illustrious Grand Master.

SEC. 5. The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of every Subordinate Council has it in special charge, as appertaining to his office, duty, and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Council, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Council, and

general regulations of Royal and Select Masters, are duly observed and obeyed; that all the officers of his Council perform the duties of their respective stations, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and accurate records of the proceedings of his Council be kept by the Recorder; that the Treasurer render just and accurate accounts of all moneys belonging to the Council; and that the annual dues to the Grand Council be regularly and punctually paid. He has the special charge and care of the Charter or Dispensation of his Council; he has a right to call his Council, at pleasure, upon any emergency. It is likewise his duty, together with the Deputy Illustrious and Principal Conductor of the Work, to attend the meetings of the Grand Council, either in person or proxy, when duly summoned by the Grand Recorder.

Degree Fee.

SEC. 6. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than *Five Dollars*.

Of Dues.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Subordinate Councils to provide by By-Laws for the assessment of such dues (as well as the time of their payment), as they may think proper, which By-Laws shall be considered sufficient notice to the members. And it shall be the imperative duty of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master to order the Recorder to enter *suspended* all members who shall refuse or neglect for two years to pay their dues.

Percentage to Grand Council.

SEC. 8. Each Subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Treasurer, at each stated meeting of the Grand Council, the sum of *One Dollar* for every Companion receiving the degree of Royal and Select Master.

BY-LAWS.

I.

Precedence of Councils.

The several Councils in this State shall be numbered according to the date of their respective Charters.

II.

Returns to Grand Council.

Each Council in this State shall make returns to the Grand Council, at their annual assembly, of the names of its officers and members, and of all Companions received and acknowledged the preceding year.

III.

Compensation of Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder shall receive an annual compensation of ten dollars for his services, and five dollars for each Charter issued.

IV.

Duty of Grand Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys; and at the stated meeting of the Grand Council he shall exhibit an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements; and no moneys shall be paid out by him without the consent of the Grand Council and the written order of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant or officer presiding.

V.

Duty of Grand Recorder.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to keep a record of the Proceedings of the Grand Council.

VI.

Delinquent Councils.

If any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble and work, for the space of twelve months; or shall fail to be

represented at the stated meetings of the Grand Council, for the term of two stated meetings in succession; or shall fail, for the same length of time, to discharge their dues,—every such delinquent Council shall forfeit its Charter, together with all its jewels, furniture, and effects of every kind, subject to the disposal of the Grand Council, and shall be notified thereof by the Grand Recorder.

VII.

Amendments, &c.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended, in the same manner as the Constitution only.

Return of Monroe Council, No. 1, held at Detroit city, State of Michigan.

Stated meeting, Monday following the full moon each month.

OFFICERS.

S. B. Morse, <i>T. I. G. M.</i>	Jno. Moore, <i>Treasurer.</i>
N. P. Jacobs, <i>D. I. G. M.</i>	G. B. Noble, <i>Recorder.</i>
E. A. Elliott, <i>P. C. W.</i>	W. H. Barse, <i>G. S.</i>
J. T. Rhodes, <i>C. G.</i>	C. D. Howard, <i>Sentinel.</i>

COMPANIONS.

N. B. Carpenter, <i>Past T. I. G. M.</i>	J. I. Barker,
E. Rood,	Jno. Farrar,
W. Barclay,	Ezra Platt,
Charles Jackson,	W. P. Innes,
L. B. Willard,	M. P. Stewart.
C. J. Tyler,	E. B. Paxton,
Rev. F. A. Blades,	C. F. Ashley,
Wm. Davis,	D. B. Reeve,
S. Caswell,	E. Ives,
J. Lovett,	E. P. Worden,
W. S. Moore,	G. W. Latimer,
Richard Ash,	Frederick Hall,
M. C. Fechheimer,	Rev. S. S. Brown,
	J. C. Bailey,
	S. W. Yawkey,
	J. B. Hamilton,
	C. W. Hayes,
	Frederick Wormley,
	H. R. Johnson,
	Jos. Yates,
	Wm. Cole,
	George Taylor,
	R. H. Brown,
	W. Henderson,
	D. D. Mallory,

D. B. Nichols,	H. B. Shank,	O. Woodworth,
J. P. Whiting,	C. K. Williams,	J. B. Rhodes,
J. V. Mehling,	Rev. D. F. Lumsdell,	H. Metz,
Alex. Mathison,	Rev. B. F. Doughty,	Rev. D. B. Lyon,
C. S. Mott,	Thos. Hurst,	S. Sikes,
Wm. Penfield,	E. M. Clark,	T. W. Reed,
S. Farrar,	E. A. LeFavour,	O. Bourke,
F. W. Noble,	K. C. Barker,	A. H. Jordon.
Jos. Dimick,		

DEMITTED.

Czar Jones, June 4th, 1860.

DEAD.

Geo. F. Kellie, July 29th, 1860.

EXALTED.

O. Bourke, March 13th, 1860. E. A. LeFavor, June 4th, 1860.

A. H. Jordan, June 4th, 1860.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct return of Monroe Council, No. 1, to the Grand Council of the State of Michigan, for the year 1860.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunte set my hand and affixed the seal of said Council, this 31st day

[SEAL.] of December, A. D, 1860, A. J. 2390, A. Dep. 2860.

G. B. NOBLE,

Recorder.

Monroe Council, No. 1,

To the Grand Council of Michigan, Dr.

3 Companions Exalted, \$1 each, . . . \$3.00

Cr. by cash paid Fleming & Davis, as per bill, 31.00

Balance due Monroe Council, No. 1, . . . \$28.00

Returns of St. Clair Council, No. 2, of R. & S. M.

OFFICERS.

John Clark, *T. I. G. M.* Simeon B. Brown, *I. D. G. M.*

Grand Council of

Geo. L. Cornell, *P. C. W.* Andrew J. Cummings, *C. G.*
 David D. Odell, *G. S.* Robert H. Jenks, *Treasurer.*
 Fred. H. Blood, *Recorder.* Alden E. Morse, *Sentinel.*

COMPANIONS.

Israel Carlton,	Edmund Carlton.	B. W. Jenks,
Charles Terry,	Edgar White,	J. P. Minnie,
J. H. White,	H. J. Bockus,	Ezra Rust.
W. T. Mitchell,	O. D. Conger,	Wm. Livingston,
Edward Fishpool,	A. A. Carlton,	M. H. Miles.

DEMITTED.

George B. Engle.

DIED.

Israel Carlton, and Wm. Cook.

The regular meetings of this Council are held on Tuesday preceding the full moon, in each month. I hereby certify that the within is a true and perfect return of all the matters and things required to be reported annually by the Regulation of this Grand Council.

Given under my hand (this Council having no seal) this 27th day of December A. D. 1860.

FRED. H. BLOOD, *Recorder.*

Returns to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, of Pontiac Council, No. 8.

OFFICERS.

Frank Darrow, <i>T. I. G. M.</i>	A. C. Baldwin, <i>C. G.</i>
A. B. Goodworth, <i>D. I. G. M.</i>	J. A. Corbin, <i>Conductor.</i>
A. B. Mathews, <i>P. C.</i>	R. W. Davis, <i>Marshal,</i>
Levi Bishop, <i>Treasurer.</i>	G. R. Hixson, <i>Steward.</i>
R. H. Elliott, <i>Recorder.</i>	

COMPANIONS.

T. A. Flower,	Bela Cogshall,	William Scott,
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John S. Smith, Abram Parker, S. W. Denton,
Elias Strouss, Rev. D. C. Jacokes.

PONTIAC, January 7th, 1861.

RICHARD H. ELLIOTT, *Recorder.*

Return of River Raisin Council, No. 4, R. and S. M., held
at Monroe, in the State of Michigan.

OFFICERS.

James Darrah, <i>T. I. G. M.</i>	D. B. Tracy, <i>Recorder.</i>
Benj. Dansarnt, <i>D. I. G. M.</i>	L. Freidenberg, <i>C. G.</i>
B. G. Tayer, <i>P. C. W.</i>	S. B. Wakefield, <i>G. S.</i>
S. Mayesfield, <i>Treasurer.</i>	A. F. Eisenman, <i>Sentinel.</i>

COMPANIONS.

S. Blanchard,	John Tyrrell,	Constant Luce,
G. A. Lovett,	W. P. Christianity,	G. R. L. Baker,

EXALTED.

Five Companions, *to wit*: L. Freidenberg, W. P. Christianity,
G. R. L. Baker, B. G. Tayer, James Darrah.

Whole number of members, 15.

I hereby certify that the within return of R. R. Council is
correct. Witness my hand and seal.

D. B. TRACY, *Secretary*, [L. s.]

Returns of the officers and members of Jonesville Council,
No. 5, for the year ending December 27th, 1860, A. L. 5860.
The following officers were duly elected and installed, *to wit*:

Jesse Button, <i>T. I. G. M.</i>	R. G. Spaulding, <i>Steward & Sent.</i>
Joseph Clark, <i>D. G. M.</i>	Stephen Levens, <i>Treasurer.</i>
Harvey Ransom, <i>P. C. W.</i>	R. Nimocks, <i>Recorder.</i>
Chas. M. Warring, <i>C. G.</i>	

Names of members admitted the present year, ending De-
cember 27th, 1860, *to wit*:

Grand Council of

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

Christopher J. Dickinson,	\$1.00
L. B. Shattock,	1.00
Richard Roe,	1.00
E. Burnhaner,	1.00
Harvey Ransom,	1.00
Elijah Carpenter,	1.00
Willard Shaw,	1.00
Israel Stetes,	1.00

 \$8.00

All of which is respectfully submitted. Given under my hand and the seal of the Council, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1860, A. L. 5860.

[SEAL.]

RICHARD NIMOCKS, *Recorder.*

Returns of Mt. Moriah Council of R. and S. Masters, No. 6, located at Coldwater, Michigan.

OFFICERS.

Mortimer Mansfield, <i>T. I. G. M.</i>	Arthemias Allen, <i>Treasurer.</i>
James B. Stevenson, <i>D. I. G. M.</i>	David Bovee, <i>Recorder.</i>
Almon L. Lytle, <i>P. C. of W.</i>	Seaman L. Dart, <i>G. S. & S.</i>
Frank Plogart, <i>C. of G.</i>	Richard H. Drake, <i>Sentinel.</i>

R. AND S. MASTERS.

E. Mather,	A. McCrea,	N. L. Southworth.
F. T. Eddy,	L. Sleeper,	Jas. Peterson,
E. W. Markham,	John H. Beech,	J. A. Baker.

DIMITTED.

Arial Pierce, January 31, 1860.	E. Sprague, (dim'd) Feb. 28, 1860
H. J. Corbus, February 10, " "	B. Beardslee, " " " "
D. Burns, February 10, " "	S. Wolf, April 11, " "
J. P. Averill, (dim'd) Feb. 28, " "	A. F. Bidwell, July 9, " "
Thorn H. Tracy, " " " "	

Total number of members 21.

Amount of dues \$9.00.

Regular meeting on Monday, on or after each full moon in each month.

Admitted as R. and S. Masters 9; Dimitted 5.

I certify that the within is a true return of all the matters and things required to be reported annually by the regulations of the Grand Council. And I further certify that Comp. J. H. Beech, was elected proxy for the T. I. G. M. A. Allen, for the D. I. G. M., and D. Bovee, for P. C. of W.

Given under my hand and seal of the Council, this
[SEAL.] 27th day of December, A. D. 1860, A. Dep. 2860.

F. T. EDDY, *Recorder.*

Returns of Officers and Members of Three Rivers Council,
No. 7, held at Three Rivers, for the year ending December
27th A. D. 1860.

Date of Membership.

F. F. Doughty, <i>T. I. G. M.</i>	
Isaac C. Bassette, <i>D. I. G. M.</i> ,	March 14th, 1860.
John Cowling, <i>P. C. of W.</i> ,	February 2d, "
W. H. Warren, <i>C. of the G.</i> ,	"
George Gillispie, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	February 2d, "
David M. Boleman, <i>Recorder</i> ,	" " "
S. L. Uerrick, <i>Sentinel</i> ,	" " "
Daniel Wolf,	" " "
John F. Wolf,	" " "
Thomas Wass,	" " "
Joseph C. Morse,	" " "
Urman H. Cole,	" " "
Charles Dunwall,	" " "
E. D. Young,	" " "
Floris Bander,	" " "
Ezra Cole,	" 10, "
S. C. Coffinbury,	" " "
J. E. Johnson,	" " "
Abram Smith,	March 14, "
D. S. Mead,	" " "
J. F. Slenker,	" " "

Grand Council of

Preston Taylor, :	April	6, 1860.
C. H. Thomas,	"	" "
Arrman A. Cole,	"	11, "
A. W. Torry,	"	" "
John Belote,	"	" "
Joseph Rollin,	"	" "
Joseph H. Tubbs, ·	May	11, "
G. W. Richards,	"	" "
C. P. Hubbard,	June	13, "
H. A. Pattison,	"	" "
C. H. Main,	October	8, "
James Rice,	"	" "
Thos. G. Davis,	"	" "
John Gilbert,	"	31, "

I hereby certify that the within is a true and perfect return of all the matters and things (known to me) required to be reported annually to the Grand Council.

Given under my hand and seal of the Council, this
[SEAL.] 27th day of December A. D. 1860.

D. M. BATEMAN, *Recorder.*

Returns of Officers and Members of Zabud Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters, held at Battle Creek, Michigan.

<i>Names of Members.</i>	<i>Masonic Grade.</i>	<i>Date of Membr'ship</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Theron H. Tracey,	<i>T. I. G. Master.</i>		Charter member.
Justin P. Averill,	<i>Dep. do.</i>		do do
Ebenezer Sprague,	<i>P. C. Work,</i>		do do
Edward Cox,	<i>C. Guard,</i>	April 23d, 1860.	
Beverly Beardslee,	<i>G. Sentinel,</i>		do do
Josephus Young,	<i>Tyler,</i>	June 13, 1860.	
Oliver S. Morton,	<i>Secretary,</i>	April 23d, "	
Alonzo Noble,		" " "	
Alexander C. Humblin,		" " "	
Erastus Clark,		" " "	
David Shepard,		" " "	
William Brown,			do do

Thomas Hart,	June 2d, 1860.
Warham M. Noble,	" " "
G. A. Graves,	" 20, " Res'ds. at Marsall
K. A. Hunton,	" " " " "
E. F. Avery,	" " "
Rev. Samuel Lyon,	September 5, "
Horace Arnold,	October 3, " Resi'ds at Climax
Marcus Shafer,	December 5, "

Regular meeting of Council, on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

OLIVER S. MORTON, *Secretary.*

Return of Romeo Council, No. 9, held at Romeo, Mich.

Stated meetings Tuesday, on or before full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

R. P. Eldridge, <i>T. I. G. M.</i>	W. W. Gray, <i>Recorder.</i>
W. Corbin, <i>D. I. G. M.</i>	A. Palmer, <i>Treasurer.</i>
D. B. Tracy, <i>P. C. W.</i>	A. Willinms, <i>Sentinel.</i>
H. M. Case, <i>C. G.</i>	

COMPANIONS.

A. B. Ayers,	C. C. Lamb,	S. A. Fitch,
Wm. Mahon.		

EXALTED.

Eight last names were exalted.

As Recorder of Romeo Council, M. D., I certify the above returns to be correct.

Amount of dues to Grand Council, is \$8.00.

Witness my hand and seal, this 27th day of December,

[SEAL.] 1860.

A. B. AYDRS, *Sec'y. Pro Tem.*

Returns of Tyre Council, U. D., held at Grand Rapids.

The stated meetings are held on the first Tuesday evening of March, June, September, and December, in each month.

Grand Council of

OFFICERS.

Edward D. Benedict, <i>T. I. G. M.</i>	Wm. H. Reynolds, <i>Recorder.</i>
W. P. Innis, <i>D. I. G.</i>	Samuel A. Judd, <i>C. G.</i>
David S. Leavett, <i>P. C. of the W.</i>	L. A. Rogers, <i>S.</i>
Truman H. Lyon, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Henry Dean, <i>Sentinel.</i>

COMPANIONS.

Wm. H. Tanner, and P. Gynn.

NO. OF EXALTATIONS,

Eleven, viz: John F. Godfroy, Edward Mohe, James W. Sligh, Noah Stevens, Benj. B. Church, Wm. H. Reynolds, Samuel A. Judd, L. A. Rogers, Henry Dean, George Gray, and John C. Buchanan.

As Recorder of Tyre Council, U. D., I certify that the foregoing is a correct return of the same to the Grand Council of the State of Michigan, from the 27th day of July, A. D. 1860, A. O. 2860, to the 8th day January, A. D: 1860, A. O: 2861.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
[L. s. and seal, this first day of January, A. D. 1861, A.
O. 2861,

Amount for eleven Exaltations due Grand Council, \$11.00.

WM. H. REYNOLDS, *Recorder.*

Address of the Grand Masters and Grand Records

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE U. S.

STATE.	GRAND MASTER	ADDRESS.	GRD RECORDER	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	R. O. Torrey	Clatborne	Daniel Byers.....	Montgomery.
Connecticut.....	H. B. Ensign.....	New Haven.....	E. G. Skorr.....	New Haven.
Florida.....	Thos. Haywood.....	Tallahassee	Jno. B. Talyor	Tallahassee.
Georgia.....	Philip T. Nobley.....	Savannah	Benj. B. Russell.....	Augusta.
Illinois.....	Geo. W. D. Oerling	Chicago.....	H. G. Reynolds.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	William Hacker.....	Shelbyville.....	Francis King.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Thos. S. Parlin.....	Frankfort.....	W. R. Langridge.....	Muscatine.
Kentucky.....	Philip Swigert.....	New Orleans.....	A. G. Hodges.....	Frankfort.
Louisiana.....	John H. Holland.....	Brunswick	Samuel G. Risk.....	Box R. 48, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Amer B. Thompson.....	Boston.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Massachusetts.....	E. B. Moore, M. D.....	Portlaco.....	George Butts.....	East Boston.
Michigan.....	Frank Darrow.....	Carrollton.....	Nathaniel P. Jacobs.....	Detroit.
Mississippi.....	Wm. Mead.....	New York.....	Ho. W. T. Dar tel.....	Trenton.
New Jersey.....	N. O. Benjamin.....	Dayton.....	Joseph H. Hough.....	31 Nassau St., New York.
New York.....	Chas. C. Kiefer.....	Washington.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania.....	Alfred Creigh.....	Charleston.....	T. W. Wright.....	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island.....	James Salisbury.....	Memphis.....	John F. Driscoll.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	A. G. Macoy.....	Portland.....	H. W. Shroeder.....	Nashville.
Tennessee.....	F. M. Lusher.....	Madison.....	Charles A. Fuller.....	Gallveston.
Texas.....	Ed. Clark.....		John B. Hollenbeck.....	Burlington.
Vermont.....	Henry Burges.....		S. G. Benedict.....	Madison.
Wisconsin.....	A. Sidney Wood.....			

FORM OF RETURN OF ELECTION.

THE Certificate of Election should be in the following form, and must be filed in the office of the Grand Recorder, before the elected officers of the Subordinate Councils can be recognized as members of the Grand Council.

Be it Known, That on the — day of —, A. Dep. 28—, at a regular Assembly of — Council, No. —, Comp. — was elected Master; Comp. —, Dep. Master, and Comp. —, Principal Conductor of the Works, for the ensuing year, and that the said officers have been duly installed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we, the members of said
[L. S.] Council, have caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed, and our Recorder to sign the same.

— —, Recorder.

THE PROXY.

of the Subordinate Councils should be in the following form, viz:

At a regular Assembly of — Council, No. —, held on the — day of —, A. Dep. 28—, *Resolved*, That our Comp. —, (Present or Past Grand Officer, Present or Past Master, as the case may be), be, and he is hereby appointed PROXY, to represent this Council in the Grand Council of the State of — and he is fully empowered to act in our behalf, in all the transactions of the Grand Council, as effectually as if we ourselves personally present.

All which we have caused to be certified by our
[L. S.] three first officers, and the seal of our said Council to be affixed.

— —, Master.
— —, Dep. Master.
— —, P. C. of the W.

ATTEST,
— —, Recorder.

FORM OF A RETURN OF A SUBORDINATE COUNCIL TO THE GRAND COUNCIL.

Return of — Council, No. —, held at —, in the State of Michigan.

STATED MEETINGS, THE — OF — IN EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS.

A — B —, T. I. G. M.
C — D —, D. I. G. M.
E — F —, P. C. W.
G — H —, C. G.
I — J —, Rec.
K — L —, Tr.
M — N —, Sen.

COMPANIONS.

O — P — P — Q —,

EXALTED.

S — T —, the — day of —, 186—.

ADMITTED.

T — V —, the — day of —, 186—, late of — Council
No. —, State of —.

DEMITTED.

W — X —, the — day of —, 186—.

DIED.

Y — Z —, the — day of —, 186—.

SUSPENDED.

A — B —, the — day of —, 186—.

EXPELLED.

C — D —, the — day of —, 186—.

REINSTATED.

E — F —, the — day of —, 186—.

REJECTED.

G — H —, the — day of —, 186—.

Be careful in omitting the officers under the head of "Companions," as it is irregular to report them twice.

As Recorder of — Council, No. —, I certify that the foregoing is a correct return of the same to the Grand Council of Michigan, from the 1st day of —, 186—, to the 1st day —, 186—, inclusive.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Council (if there be one, if not, then my private seal), this — day of — A. D. —, Y. D. —.

G — H —, RECORDER.

— Council, No. —, to the Grand Council of Michigan,

— Companions admitted from another Council, at \$1 each

— Companions exalted, \$1 each

Dr.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES
 OF THE
 Grand Officers of the Grand Council
 OF THE
 STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Comp.	FRANK DARROW, Pontiac	- - -	as	<i>T. I. G. I.</i>
"	JOHN CLARK, St. Clair	- - -	"	<i>I. D. G. P.</i>
"	D. B. TRACY, Mt. Clemens	- - -	"	<i>G. T. I.</i>
"	B. F. DOUGHTY, Three Rivers	- - -	"	<i>G. P. C. of Work.</i>
"	S. B. MORSE, Detroit	- - -	"	<i>G. C. Guard.</i>
"	EZRA ROOD, Detroit	- - -	"	<i>G. Treasurer.</i>
"	NATHL. P. JACOBS, Detroit	- - -	"	<i>G. Recorder.</i>
"	L. H. CORSON, Jonesville	- - -	"	<i>G. Chaplain.</i>
"	A. B. CUDWORTH, Pontiac	- - -	"	<i>G. Steward.</i>
"	CHAS. D. HOWARD, Detroit	- - -	"	<i>G. Sentinel.</i>